

AMMO DOs AND DON'Ts

DO establish internal controls and procedures to properly handle/manage your ammunition mission. Familiarize yourself with the contents of Standing Operating Procedures.

DO keep ammunition in its original containers as long as possible to prevent exposure to the elements. Repack items that have been opened and not used.

DO maintain accountability and preserve lot integrity. Inventory your ammunition daily.

DO secure ammunition through the use of straps or other means when it is in transit.

DO maintain a 50 foot firebreak, free of any combustible materials, around areas containing ammunition or explosives.

DO report through your chain of command any accidents, incidents or unusual occurrences involving ammunition or explosives.

DO brief all personnel on the policies and procedures of the ammunition and explosive amnesty program.

DO return all salvageable ammunition residue to the ASP to ensure proper turn-in reconciliation.

DO arrive at the ASP with adequate tie-down straps to secure the ammunition load and ensure authorization to depart.

DO understand the hazards, risks, standards, procedures, and precautions that apply to an operation.

DO ensure that vehicles used to haul ammunition are clean and free of leaking fuel, grease, or anything else that could create a fire hazard.

DON'T go near, touch, or pick up found ammunition. Contact EOD.

DON'T take vehicles loaded with ammunition into cantonment areas, to the motor pool or other congested areas or facilities.

DON'T store ammunition and explosives in administrative areas, quarters, or under your bunk.

DON'T play with ammunition or drop, drag, throw or otherwise mishandle ammunition.

DON'T permit smoking in or around any areas containing ammunition or explosives.

DON'T disassemble or modify an ammunition or explosives item or use it for other than its intended purpose.

DON'T mix live ammunition and blanks.

Useful Web Sites:

AmmoHelp:

https://mhp.redstone.army.mil/MODULES/AMMO_HELP/ASKQUESTION.ASPX

MHP (Munitions History Program):

<https://mhp.redstone.army.mil>

Ammo CoP:

<https://acc.dau.mil/ammo>

AESKN (Army Explosives Safety Knowledge Network):

<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/683804>

References:

DA PAM 385-64, Ammunition and Explosives Safety Standards

AR 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives

ATP 4-35.1 Techniques for Munition Handlers

TB 43-0250 Ammunition Handling, Storage and Safety

DA PAM 710-2-1, Using Unit Supply System (Manual Procedures)

"Yellow Book" Hazard Classification of U.S. Military Explosives and Munitions

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